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Dr. Sheldon H. Berman, Superintendent
Jefferson County School District
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Louisville, KY 40232

Dear Dr. Berman:

In response to your request, we have rescheduled your update to the Kentucky Board of Education to April 2, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. EDT. In our last correspondence, we forwarded information to assist you in reporting your progress. We are attaching that information again for your convenience. This information is based on district and school documentation, observations, and interviews. They were developed in collaboration with Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) staff and the assigned highly skilled educators. These may be used as supportive information to aid you with preparing the report and clarifying the progress of the district in addressing the deficiencies.

As a reminder, your report should consist of only the following information. This time will be dedicated to discussing the most important data:

- On-going student achievement data in reading and mathematics – evidence from August 2007 through March 2008 of student performance growth as determined by learning checks, diagnostic assessments, PAS, or other assessments of student learning
- A comparison with both percentages and raw numbers between African-Americans, white, limited English proficiency, economically disadvantaged (free /reduced lunch) students, and students with disabilities
- Non-academic data to include suspensions (in class and out), office referrals, expulsions, alternative placements, dropouts, attendance for students, attendance for teachers, and failure rate by grade
- A measure of access to curriculum (i.e., percent of 8th grade students in algebra and percent of special education students in full collaboration)
- A description of superintendent's process for supporting and holding accountable the principals of both schools

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Please submit your report to Stephen Schenck, Associate Commissioner, Office of Leadership and School Improvement, stephen.schenck@education.ky.gov, by March 24. In addition, you should continue to submit a report to him every six (6) months on the implementation and results of your plan. If you have questions, contact Mr. Schenck at the above email address or at (502) 564-2116.

Once again, we look forward to hearing about your progress at both Iroquois Middle and Southern Leadership Academy.

Sincerely,

Jon E. Draud

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Attachments (3)



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